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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Gerard J. Tate

Application No. 10/736,114  
Filed on December 15, 2003

Re Office Action of Nov. 26, 2004  
Group Art Unit 3677

Title: **FASTENER FOR USE  
WITH SHOES**

Examiner Lavinder

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2004, please amend the application identified above as follows: